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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

CHARLES STRAIN,
Plaintiff,

vs.

CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER R.
SANDHAM, ,

Defendants.

No. CIV-S-05-0474 GEB GGH P

**STIPULATION AND JOINT
REQUEST FOR REFERRAL TO
MAGISTRATE JUDGE FOR
MEDIATION**

[PROPOSED] ORDER

The parties in the above captioned case jointly request that this case be assigned to Magistrate Judge Gregory G. Hollows for mediation. Plaintiff's counsel was recently appointed by this Court to represent the plaintiff. Counsel for both the plaintiff and the defendants have discussed the prospects for settlement and agree that referral to mediation probably would be productive.

Counsel for the parties agree that referral to Magistrate Judge Gregory G. Hollows would be practical because he has heard summary judgment motions, discovery disputes and

1 other proceedings in this case. As such he already is familiar with the facts and law
2 involved in the matter. The parties have confirmed that Judge Hollows is available for a
3 mediation conference on August 7, 2009 at 9:00 am.

4 All parties waive any conflict that Judge Hollows might have in mediating this case
5 or hearing any future matters in this case.
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7 DATED: May 18, 2009

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15 DATED: May 18, 2009

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21 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

22 DATED: May 20, 2009



GARLAND E. BURRELL, JR.
United States District Judge